

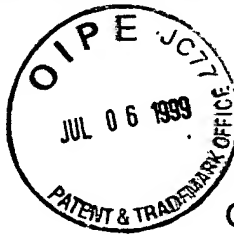
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For: POTASSIUM HYDROXYCITRATE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF APPETITE AND INDUCTION OF WEIGHT LOSS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 6, 1999

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 1999. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action.

REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-17 were pending. Actually, claims 3 and 4 had been cancelled in our response filed on February 17, 1999. Only claims 1, 2 and 5-17 are pending.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2 and 5-17 were rejected as obvious over Lewis (Methods in Enzymology, Vol. XIII, pp. 615-616, 1969) in view of Lowenstein (US 3,764,692).